

PUBLIC HEARING of the Town Council held Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chamber, Town Building, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville, for and within the Town of Burrillville.

PRESENT: Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Proposed Capital Improvement Project Budget

Municipal – Departmental \$449,515

Infrastructure 1,396,005

School Department 450,000

Major Capital Reserve Fund 165,194

Miscellaneous -

Assessing 84,000

Police 500,000

Parks & Recreation 145,000

Senior Center 30,000

Wastewater Treatment 650,000

Town Clerk 44,310

TOTAL Capital Improvements Program Requests \$ 3,914,024

Proposed Capital Improvement Funding

Ocean State Power –PILOT \$ 2,460,714

Other Sources 655,000

Existing Bond Authority 650,000

Grants 104,000

Restricted Funds 44,310

Property Taxes (Net Amount Required to Fund All Projects) _____
0

TOTAL Funding Sources \$ 3,914,024

NOTE: The above was duly advertised in the Local Section of the Woonsocket Call on Monday, March 24, 2008.

1. Recommendations from the Budget Board: There were no comments by the Budget Board.

2. Recommendations from Michael C. Wood, Town Manager:

Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, reviewed his recommendation for the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009 and the Five (5) Year Plan. A copy of the complete recommendation and the Manager's comments are on file with the record of the meeting.

3. Proponents: None

4. Opponents: None

5. VOTED to close the public hearing.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

6. Town Council Members Comments/Input/Deliberation

Councilor Margaret L. Dudley discussed that the aerial photography for GIS maintenance had been deferred in the Manager's recommendation and the annual appropriation for remediation at the Department of Public Works had not been included. These decisions were reviewed.

Councilor Dudley noted the inclusion of \$30,000 for plans for a Senior Center and raised concerns that issuing bonds for capital projects might impact the Town's favorable bond rating. Councilor Dudley discussed maintaining the fund balance and timing of projects based on current financial conditions. Council President Nancy F. Binns said that the Town could secure approval by the General Assembly, then scheduling the bond appropriately. Councilor Kevin M. Blais noted that there is a significant potential that the referendum would

not pass and cautioned against incurring costs for a project that might not be approved by the voters.

There was discussion of the process of planning and budgeting for intended projects. It was noted that there are no expenditures for such projects without Town Council allocation and that funds budgeted for one project could be deferred or reallocated, upon the vote of the Town Council. Councilor Norman C. Mainville supported maintaining the \$30,000 in the budget.

Councilor Norman C. Mainville recommended that Cherry Farm Road be included on the infrastructure program. The matter was discussed. It was suggested that the two segments of the road be renamed to provide clarity for emergency services. It was further suggested that the administration might evaluate the road and make a recommendation to the Council.

Councilor John M. Karmozyn, Jr. supported including funds for planning of a Senior Center. Councilor Karmozyn discussed the proposed training area to be established at the annex. He questioned the inclusion of a communication system on the School Department CIP. Councilor Karmozyn acknowledged a job well-done in preparing the budget proposal.

Councilor Margaret L. Dudley asked that the School Department submit a five-year plan. Michal C. Wood, Town Manager, noted that

the School Administration would submit the plan shortly.

7. VOTED to adopt a resolution, as follows:

That the Capital Improvement Program for fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 be adopted as recommended by the Town Manager. The total appropriation is \$3,914,024 - see attached detail.

Included in the total amount to be adopted is an amount of \$165,194, which is to be appropriated to the Reserve for Major Capital Projects Fund.

The Capital Budget as presented is adopted and shall be included in its entirety in the annual budget for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2008. The Town may encumber funds against these accounts prior to July 1st. This will allow the Town to enter into contracts prior to the effective date of July 1, 2008.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

8. VOTED to adjourn at 7:10 P.M.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

The hearing was taped. The tape is on file with the record of the hearing.

Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk